from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the House for the term ending on the 30th April, 1997 and do communicate to this House the names of the members so nominated by Rajya Sabha."

2. I am to request that the concurrence of Rajya Sabha in the said motion, and also the names of the members of Rajya Sabha so nominated, may be communicated to this House."

Madam, I lay the messages on the Table of the House.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shri Satish Pradhan stating that he is going to U.S.A. to witness the Olympic Games and to visit certain other places and is unable to attend the House up to 2nd August, 1996. He has, therefore, requested for grant of leave of the absence accordingly. *(Interruptions)*

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri Satish Pradhan for remaining absent from the sittings of the House up to 2nd August, 1996? (*Interruptions*)

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त: कोई ऐसा तरीका नहीं हो सकता कि आप पूरे सदन को ओलम्पिक गेम देखने के लिए भेजें।

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If they have done well, then we would have tried to go there like all our women MPs had gone to Beijing. But I think whether our country does well or not, we have to give him permission to go at least.

(No hon. Member dissented)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: permission to remain absent is granted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE CENTRAL SUPERVISORY BOARD

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): Madam, I beg to move the following Motion:—

"That in pursuance of clause (f) of sub-section (2) of Section 7 read with sub-section (2) of section 8 of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one female member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Central Supervisory Board."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM EQBAL SHERVANI): Madam, I beg to move the following motion:

"That in pursuance of clause (g) of section 4 read with sub-section (3) of Section 6 of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences Act, 1956 (25 of 1956), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences

†[] Transliteratio.. in Arabic script.

in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Shri Suresh Pachouri from the membership of Rajya Sabha on the 9th April, 1996."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He may be elected again, but the procedure has to be followed. Now, Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan. Your name is here. Are you speaking on the samething?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Yes, Madam.

RE. NEED TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN OF CAUVERY WATERS TRIBUNAL

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a very important question of the urgent need to go into the question of the resignation of the Chairman of the Cauvery Waters Tribunal, Justice Chitatosh Mukherjee. Madam, the Cauvery problem has again engaged our attention because of the failure or the delayed onset of the South-West monsoon in Tamil Nadu and the question of Kuruvai crop withering away. A distress situation has arisen in the State again. Now the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal which was constituted on 2.6.90 gave an interim award for a phased release of Cuvery-water by Karnataka to Tamil Nadu and this interim award was contested by Karnataka which even passed a Resolution in the Assembly in order to nullify the terms of the interim award. I am saying this to only point out that at every stage Karnataka has resisted the working of the Tribunal and has never implemented the orders of the Tribunal. Madam, thereafter, the matter was taken to the Supreme Court... *(Interruptions)*... Just one minute. The matter was taken to the Supreme Court also. The Supreme Court directed that the award of the Tribunal should be notified. Madam, the award of the Tribunal was notified also on 10.2.91, and from that time till now we have not received water in terms of the award; not a drop of water in terms of the award except for the 5 TMC of water that was released a few days ago! We have had water because the raingods have been good to us. And this is a situation which has created tremendous agitation among the people of Tamil Nadu. Madam, Cauvery is their life-blood. *(Interruptions)*... Justice Chittotosh Mukherjee as Chairman of the Tribunal had done tremendous spadework and he was dealing very firmly and very carefully with all the dilatory tactics of the State of Karnataka. Madam, in fact, it would be my duty now to point out that the hon. Prime Minister, when he was a Member of Parliament, had even challenged at that time the *locus standi* of the Tribunal, of the members of the Tribunal, including Justice Chittotosh Mukherjee, and had filed a writ in the Court asking for the quashing of the Tribunal itself. Madam, in those circumstances it is a matter of great agitation for us, it is a matter of great concern for us that Justice Mukherjee has now resigned. We do not know the reasons as to why he resigned. All we know is that because he resigned, the Tribunal is not functioning at all. The Tribunal cannot hear our urgent pleas, our urgent applications for relief. Madam, once again the State of Tamil Nadu has to move the Supreme Court. Last time when it moved the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court directed the then Prime Minister, Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, to intervene in the matter. He also intervened in the matter and a certain amount of water was released. This was a peculiar case of a sub-interim award within an award and once again we have perforce to approach the Supreme Court which would tell us to go back to the Prime Minister or to the Tribunal. Madam, my request is very simple. The fact that the Tribunal is not working due to the resignation of Justice Mukherjee is a very serious matter and